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## \$200 Million Bike Plan Approved

Interim Mayor Supports SANDAG Plan to Implement Projects in 10 Years

SAN DIEGO, CA (September 27, 2013) – Interim Mayor Todd Gloria today supported passage of the Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program (Bike EAP), which includes \$200 million of bicycle infrastructure projects for the San Diego Region. The measure was approved by the Board of Directors of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), where Interim Mayor Gloria serves as a representative for the City of San Diego.

"The Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program will make biking a safe and enjoyable transportation alternative throughout the San Diego region," said Interim Mayor Gloria. "Strengthening our active transportation network supports healthier people and a healthier environment."

Included in the Bike EAP are approximately \$35 million of projects in the mid-city neighborhoods of San Diego, as well as enhancements of the Coastal Rail Trail in the northern area of the region, additions to the San Diego River Trail, and further work on the popular Bayshore Bikeway.

The Early Action Program was designed to implement the Regional Bicycle Network High Priority Projects within 10 years, execute regional bicycle programs, and continue to fund local bike and pedestrian projects and programs through a competitive grant program. To maximize funding opportunities from other sources, the Bike EAP implementation would be timed to have different projects in every stage of development. Partnerships and coordination with other regional and local projects would be actively pursued as well.

The San Diego County Bicycle Coalition, WalkSanDiego, Move San Diego, and BikeSD all support the Bike Plan Early Action Program.

Details on the Early Action Program can be found online: <a href="http://sandag.org/uploads/meetingid/meetingid\_3488\_16569.pdf">http://sandag.org/uploads/meetingid/meetingid\_3488\_16569.pdf</a>

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